

TRANSMITTAL LETTER
(General - Patent Pending)

Docket No.
112701-470

In Re Application Of: Thomas et al.

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
09/898,255	July 3, 2001	St. Cyr, Daniel	29157	2876	1910

Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM OF SETTING AND/OR CONTROLLING OF A FOOD PRODUCT DISPENSING MACHINE USING A TAG-TYPE COMMUNICATION DEVICE**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is:

Combined Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time (2 pgs. in duplicate); Amendment (12 pgs.); Change of Correspondence Address (1 pg.); Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73 (b) (1 pg.); Power of Attorney to Prosecute Applications Before the USPTO (1 pg.); and return receipt postcard.

in the above identified application.

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Dated: May 12, 2005

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COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)

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Application No. 09/898,255 Filing Date July 3, 2001 Examiner St. Cyr, Daniel Customer No. 29157 Group Art Unit 2876 Confirmation No. 1910

Invention: **METHOD AND SYSTEM OF SETTING AND/OR CONTROLLING OF A FOOD PRODUCT DISPENSING MACHINE USING A TAG-TYPE COMMUNICATION DEVICE**

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This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of December 17, 2004 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months
from: March 17, 2005 until: May 17, 2005
Date *Date*

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	28 -	32 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5 -	5 =	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$450.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$450.00

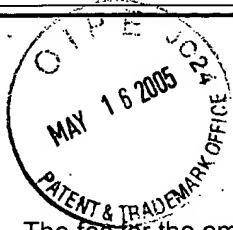
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- Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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